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Dear President, —

At the beginning of this world's struggle I wrote you, as a member of the 1st Canadian Contingent, concerning my Degree of B.A.Sc. from the Faculty of Applied Science. My intention is again to bring this matter to a head in the light of recent events.

The situation was this, — prior to the war I was a member of year '14 in the Faculty of Applied Science. In the final year I had to take a rest after two months of work and study due to my eyesight. This occured in december 1913 and naturally caused me keen disappointment. My intention was to graduate the next term but the following summer war broke out and I immediately joined the Canadian over seas forces as stated above.

Well then other fellow students finished off their course attending the

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University O.T.C. were given their degree without writing examinations and in some cases I believe really left before the actual end of the term to accept commissions in our Army. No doubt they ~~should not~~ showed more judicious foresight than my self, but at the same time it seems hard to suffer through our patriotism. In view of the fact that I am still alive I am still wondering why I cannot be granted my Degree when it is taken into consideration that two months of the final year had been spent and other students although finishing were not required to write exams besides quite likely placing their studies as a record consideration in the light of this world conflict.

Another point Major Mahaffy, M.C. D.S.O. who was a fellow student and personal friend, also from the same Battalion informed me before returning lately to Canada that he had been granted his degree in Arts and he was exactly in the same position as myself. Again when it is taken into consideration the disintegrating influences of those years of war, how hard it would be to ~~assume~~ the studious habits of a student provided I do return. ~~Hoping~~ to have fresh information on this matter. I have the honor, to be,

Sir
your obedient Servant.

K. W. Code. Lieut.

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The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

Regarding Mr. W. W. Code whose letter is enclosed herewith I find that he registered in his Fourth Year for the session 1913-1914 but for some reason withdrew without giving us any information as to the cause, and we have no correspondence with him regarding the matter. The conditions were therefore brought about prior to the outbreak of the war.

Yours truly,

A. T. Laing

Secretary

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Lieutenant W. W. Code,

15 th Canadian Reserve Battalion,

Prarshott, England.

Dear Lieutenant Code:

I trought your letter before the Faculty of Applied Science at a meeting yesterday afternoon. They discussed your case quite freely and were of opinion that at present they are unable to give you your degree and wish to defer the final consideration of the matter until the close of the war.

The difference between the case of Major Mahaffy and yourself is due to the different Faculties in which you have taken your degree. Major Mahaffy is in the Faculty of Arts and a year was granted to all undergraduates in Arts who went on active service, but in the professional Faculties of Medicine and Apolied Science it was impossible to be so literal because it was necessary to maintain the professional standards. Consequently in Applied Science a year was only given to those who attended till the end of January and who were reported upon by the staff as having attained a sufficient standard to justify them receiving the year. As you will see it is necessary for the University when giving a certificate of professional standing to be fair to itself in maintaining that what it certifies to is correct and that the person who receives the degree has attained professional standing thereon outlined.

A number of others besides yourself are involve

in this decision and they cannot make exceptions but when you return from the front the Faculty will deal with you as generously as they possibly can and endeavour to give you your professional diploma and degree in as short a period as they can consistently do. Each case is to be considered on its own merits and there is no doubt that you will be given the most sympathetic treatment.

I am sorry not to be able to send you a more favourable answer but I have been assured that no others have been dealt with more generously in this respect than you have. With kind regards and hoping to see you back safe and sound soon,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.